## Air Permit Improvement Initiative

January 2004 Progress Update

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- Background Information
- Air Permit Streamlining
  - Phase One
  - Phase Two
- New Source Review Retooling
- Questions

## Air Permit Improvement Initiative

- Announced by Sec. Hassett in June 2003
- Led by A. Shea, L. Eagan, M.J. Kopecky
- Goals: Maintain Environmental Standards, Streamline the Air Permit Process, and Retool State New Source Review in Light of Federal Rule Changes

## Governor's Grow Wisconsin Air Permit Goals

- Eliminate Operation Permit Backlog
  - 148 Remaining Initial Part 70 Operation Permits
  - Completed by December 2004
- Issue Air Permits within 180 Days
- Retool NSR by Spring 2004

### Jobs Creation Act

## Air Permit Streamlining - Charge

- Decrease Construction & Operation Permit Cycle Time
- Improve Application Completeness
- Improve Understanding of Air Regulation
- Improve Public Access to Permit Process
- Increase Permit Staff Assistance to Permit Customers
- Optimize Use of Integrated Information Systems, "Smart Systems", and Internet
- Involve Stakeholders in Design of Process Improvements
- Establish Performance Criteria To Measure Success

### Air Permit Streamlining Initial Phase (July-Dec 2003)

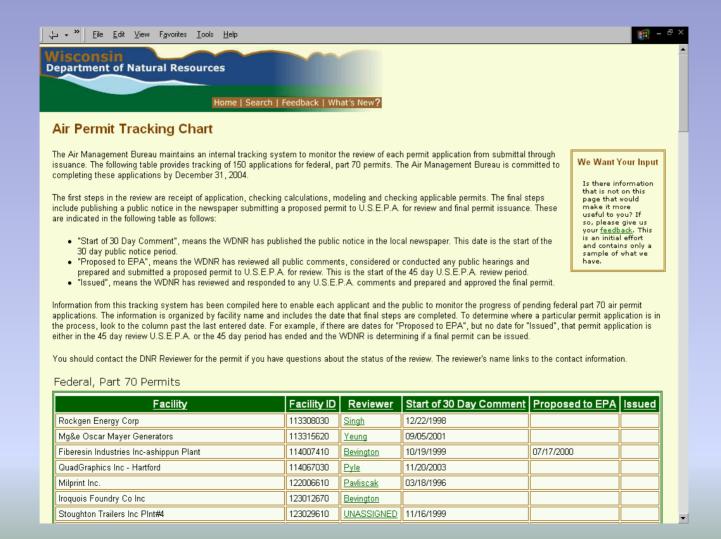
- Identify & Implement Short Term Pilots
- Map the Permit Process
- Analyze IT Needs & Opportunities
- Analyze Other States' Permit Programs
- Survey External & Internal Stakeholders
- Analyze Past Streamlining Efforts
- Review Regulatory Alternatives to Permits

#### APS - Short Term Pilots

#### Examples of Pilot Projects Underway

- Web Page Improvement
- Web Posting of Permit Tracking Information
- Permittee Email Tickler System Renewal
   Applications, Compliance Certification. Reports
- FAQs for Permit Reviewers & Permittees

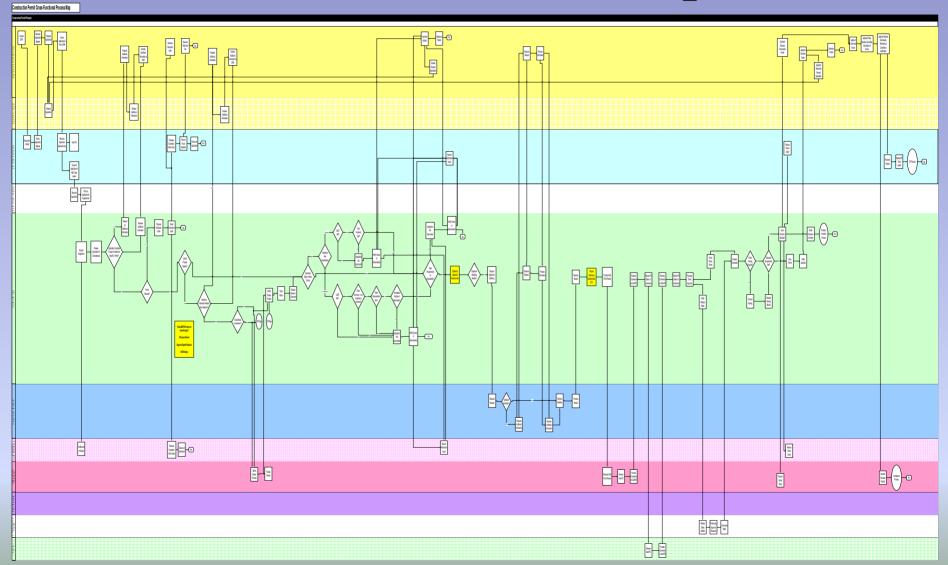
## Permit Tracking Data on Web



## APS - Process Mapping & IT

- Process Mapping
  - Operation & Construction Permit Maps
  - Working With Internals & Externals to Refine Maps
- IT Analysis Data Model
  - Catalogue Data, Applications, Support Systems
  - Identify Missing, Redundant or Inadequate
     Data, Applications, Support Systems,
     Technologies, or Hardware

## Permit Process Map



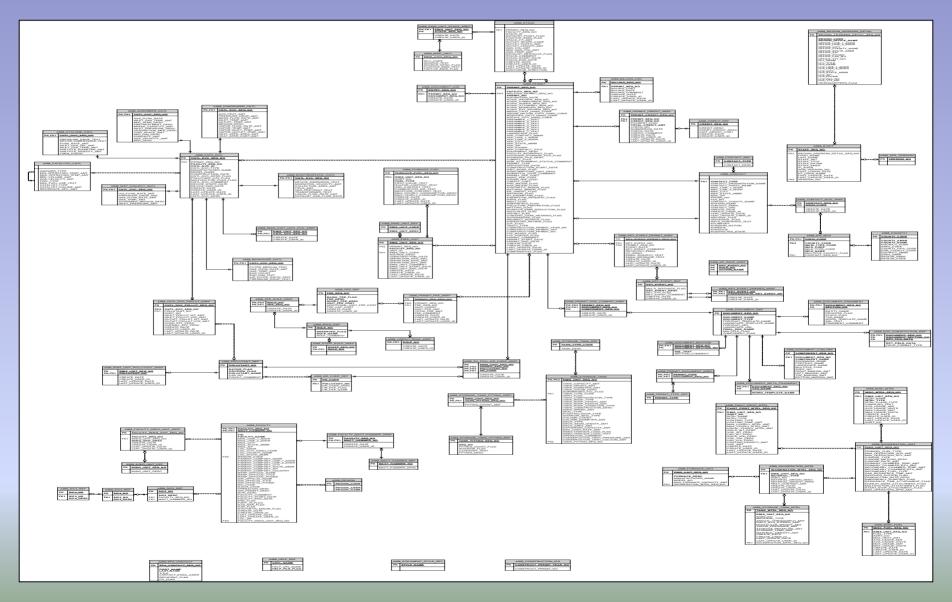
#### What is a Data Model?

- A conceptual representation of data structures
- Focuses on what data are required and how data should be organized
- A data model is like an architect's building plan

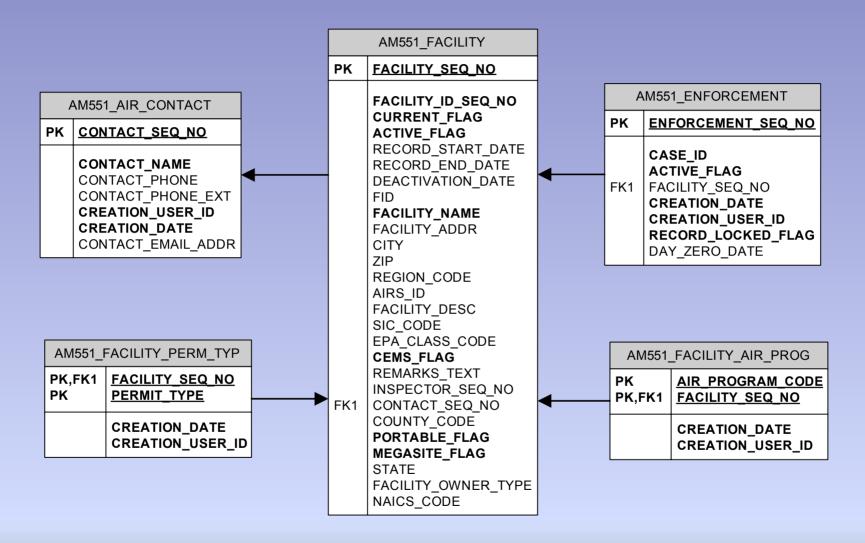
#### **APS** Data Model

- Data Model of Three Air Data Systems: Permit, Emission, Compliance
- Overlay Data Model & Permit Process Map
  - What data do we have?
  - What is common?
  - What is missing? What is present but not needed?
- Data Model will guide system integration and improvement

#### **APS** Data Model



#### APS Data Model - Entity Relationship Diagram



#### APS - Data Model

Things We Have Learned So Far ...

- The Permit, Emission, and Compliance Data Systems Have Much In Common
- Significant Data Gaps Exist
- Requirements for Historical Data & Level of Detail Vary
- Need to Improve Consistency of Data Definitions
- We See Great Opportunity for Integration

## APS - State Comparisons

- Review Permit Programs in 16 Other States:
  - California (one AQD), Georgia, Illinois,
    Indiana, Louisiana, Massachusetts, Michigan,
    Minnesota, North Carolina, Ohio, Oklahoma,
    Oregon, Pennsylvania, Virginia, Washington
    and West Virginia.
- Compare to WI Permit Program
- Report in February 2004

#### APS - External Stakeholders

- 2002 Operation Permitee Focus Groups & Survey
  - Report Posted on DNR Web (search air permit survey report)
- 2003 NSR Focus Groups
  - Permittees, Consultants, Enviros, Local
     Govn't & Economic Development Specialists
  - Report in January 2004

#### APS - Internal Stakeholders

- Focus Group Sessions
  - Permit Writers
  - Managers
- Report in January 2004

#### APS - Alternatives To Permits

- Compile List of Alternative Programs & Select Programs for Analysis
- UW La Follette Intern (Starts Jan 2004)
- Analysis & Report Spring 2004
- Also, Pursuing EPA Innovation Grant Opportunity

## APS - Past Recommendations & Current Status

- Catalogue Past Permit Streamlining Recommendations
- Document Current Implementation Status of those Recommendations

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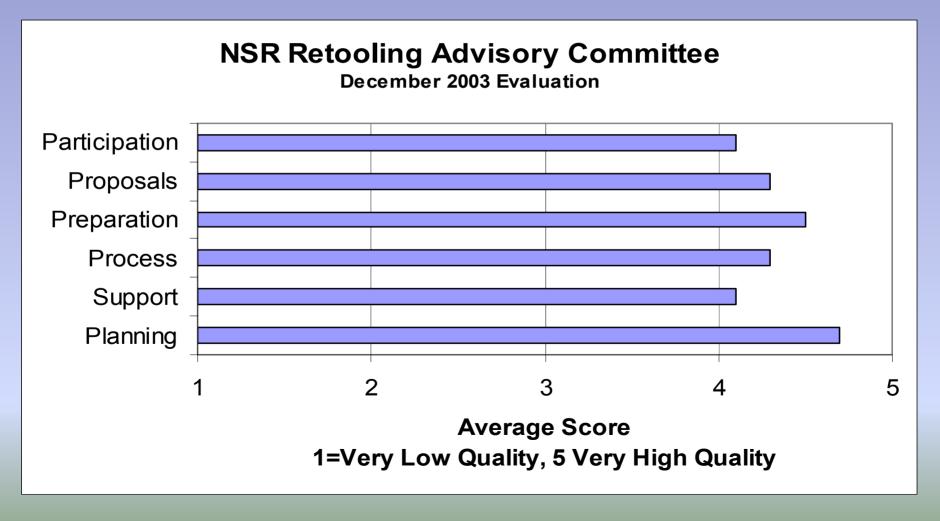
Second Phase (Beginning Jan 2004)

- APS Team Meeting February 2004
  - Review Findings
  - Develop Strategy & Project Plan
- Check In with Externals March 2004
- Final Project Plan April 2004
- Implement Project Plan
  - Workgroups
  - Involve Internals & Externals
- Project Complete December 2005

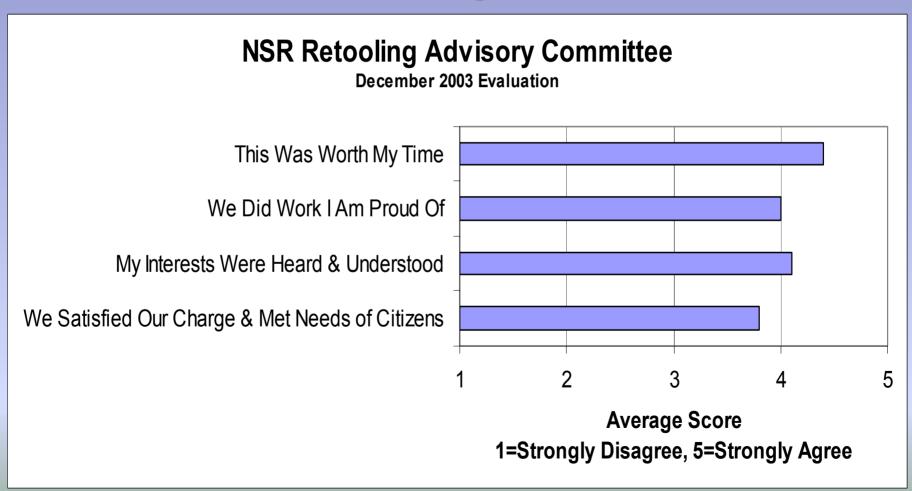
## NSR Retooling in Brief

- Revise Major Source NSR Rules
  - Green Sheet to NRB December 2003
  - Public Hearings in January 2004
  - Final Rule to NRB May 2004
- Retool Minor Source NSR
  - Initiate Rule Development December 2003
  - Green Sheet to NRB May 2004
  - Final Rule to NRB September 2004

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